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BULLET-BOY



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MOMENTUM MATTERS



PREVIOUSLY...

Home for the summer with everything a teen could ask for, **Josh McKeen** still craved more - the chance to be a real superhero. After dodging chores given to him by **Hue** (the McKeen's robot butler) leads him to a secret lab beneath his parents' trophy room, he stumbles upon a zero-G relay training suit. Eager to prove himself, Josh dons this equipment and rushes into action just as a robot invasion strikes the city. In a desperate attempt to save a bystander from **Shocka**, the menacing leader of a malfunctioning robot army, Josh takes a direct hit from an electrical blast. Unbeknownst to him, the shock awakens dormant genes in his DNA, granting him super speed, agility, and durability. With newfound powers, he thwarts the invasion and calls himself the "Blue Bullet," ready to prove himself as the next member of the famous **Hero Assembly**...



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SO, UH...
THIS WASN'T
THE PLAN.

I KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE THINKING.
WHAT'S THE BIG
DEAL? DON'T YOU
HAVE SUPER
SPEED?

HOW COULD
YOU LOSE TO
SOME GUY WHO
DOESN'T?

WELL, FIRST
OFF- **OW!**

TURNS OUT
GETTING SMACKED
IN THE HEAD WITH
A DUFFLE BAG FULL
OF CASH? NOT
AS FUN AS IT
SOUNDS.

SECOND,
THIS ISN'T YOUR
TYPICAL BANK
ROBBER. THIS
GUY IS A **PRO!**

BUT
I WON'T LET
HIM GET AWAY...
NO MATTER
WHAT!

IT'S THE
ONLY WAY
TO PROVE
MYSELF!

MOMENTUM MATTERS

CREATED, WRITTEN, ILLUSTRATED, AND LETTERED BY **XANDER ARNOT**

THURSDAY 11:38 AM
MCKEEN MANOR...

UGH!

MASTER JOSH,
WITH RESPECT, I DON'T
BELIEVE REFRESHING YOUR
PHONE'S NOTIFICATIONS
WILL MAKE ANY MORE
OF THEM APPEAR.

I CAN'T FIGURE
IT OUT, HUE! FOR WEEKS,
THE **BLUE BULLET** HAS
BEEN TAKIN' CARE OF
BUSINESS, AND NOBODY
KNOWS I EXIST. WHAT'S
A NEW HERO GOTTA
DO TO GET THE
WORD OUT?

THIS
SOCIAL MEDIA
ALGORITHM IS
BROKEN!



WITH RESPECT, SIR,
DOES "TAKING CARE
OF BUSINESS" INVOLVE
RECREATING VIRAL TRENDS
AT A **THOUSAND**
TIMES THE SPEED?

BECAUSE I'D SAY
YOUR SO-CALLED
SUPERHERO CONTENT
PLAN COULD USE
SOME, UM...



...REVISIONS.



HMM...
MAYBE.

MAN,
IT TOOK ME A
DOZEN TIMES
TO GET THAT
TIMING RIGHT.

AT THIS
RATE THE **HERO**
ASSEMBLY IS
NEVER GONNA
NOTICE ME.





TWO HOURS LATER...

AW MAN,
HOW ON EARTH
AM I SUPPOSED
TO SAVE THE CITY
WHEN NOTHING'S
HAPPENING?

EVER SINCE
I STOPPED
THAT EVIL
ROBOT INVASION,
THINGS HAVE
BEEN WAY
TOO QUIET..

NO
ALIEN ARMIES
STORMING IN,
NO GIANT LASER
BEAM SLICING
THROUGH
DOWNTOWN...

WHAT A
WASTE OF A
PERFECTLY
GOOD
THURSDAY.

MAYBE THE HERO
ASSEMBLY TOOK
ALL THE ACTION
WITH THEM.

WHEREVER
THEY'VE BEEN
THE PAST FEW
WEEKS.

WHILE I'M
STUCK HERE,
WAITING FOR
A SHOT TO
PROVE
MYSELF

HELP!

SOMEBODY
HELP!

FINALLY,
SOME
ACTION!

DON'T
WORRY,
CITIZEN!

THE BLUE
BULLET IS
HERE TO
SAVE--



MEOOWWR

Y'KNOW,
USUALLY
I'M MORE OF A
SAVING-THE-CITY
FROM-ACTUAL
DANGER KIND OF
GUY, SO WE GOTTA
MAKE THIS
QUICK.

I'M BRINGIN'
OUT THE OL'
TREE-CRACKIN'
ELBOW FOR THIS
ONE. JUST STAND
BACK, THIS'LL
BE OVER
IN A BLINK.

CRACK!



HEY, IT
WORKED!

NUH UH!
YOU SCARED
HIM AWAY!

REAAAAWRRR!

DON'T WORRY
MR. WHISKERS!
I'M COMING TO
GET YOU!

NO NO!
GO FIND YOUR
PARENTS. I'LL
GRAB HIM.



zoom

HEY
GET BACK
HERE YOU
RASCAL!

I GOTTA
BE CAREFUL HOW
FAST I'M MOVING
WHEN I SCOOP
HIM UP!

LEARNED THAT
LESSON TAKING
OUT THE TRASH
FOR HUE LAST
WEEK. YUCK!

MEOWWWNR

ERR- WAIT
JUST A SEC.
WHAT DO WE
HAVE HERE?

FRESH BILLS?
LOOKS LIKE
SOMEBODY MADE
A TRIP TO THE
BANK.

YEAH, I'M NO
DETECTIVE, BUT
THIS SREAMS
CRIME-IN-
PROGRESS.

IF OUR BAD
GUY IS STILL
INSIDE, I SHOULD
PROBABLY PAY
'EM A VISIT.

BUT... I
DO HAVE SOME
CAT-CATCHING TO
DO, DON'T I?

DECISIONS,
DECISIONS.

SORRY,
MR. WHISKERS.

I'VE GOT
SOME REAL
SUPERHERO
BUSINESS TO
TAKE CARE OF







WAAAUU!

WAAAUU!

DID HE JUST
TRIGGER THE
ALARM ON
PURPOSE?

BETTER
GET MOVIN',
KID!



NOW THAT
FANCY COSTUME
OF YOURS LOOKS
TOUGH N' ALL,
BUT JUST A
HEADS UP...

THOSE
SECURITY
LASERS ARE
HOT AS THE SUN
ONCE THEY'RE
ACTIVATED

GOOD
LUCK!

WAAAUU!



AVOIDJAH,
HUH? AVOID...
YA, I GET IT.



IF THIS GUY
HAS NEVER BEEN
CAUGHT BY THE
ASSEMBLY, THIS
COULD BE MY
BIG BREAK!

THAT'S IT.
I CAN'T LET
THIS GUY ESCAPE!
GOTTA GET
THROUGH THESE
LASERS FAST.



SAW THIS IN
A MOVIE ONCE
BUT I'M PRETTY
SURE I CAN
DO IT.

HERE IT
GOES!

I MIGHT
BE A SHOE-IN
FOR THE ZERO-G
RELAY SOME DAY
AFTER ALL!

WOO!
ALMOST
FELT THAT
ONE.

YUP! I
DEFINITELY
SHOULD'VE
STRETCHED
FIRST.





NOBODY
CATCHES
AVOIPJAH.



UH OH.



THAT
WAS TOO
EASY!

MAYBE NEXT
TIME WE MEET,
YOU'LL HAVE A
BETTER SHOT
AT CATCHING ME.
UNTIL THEN...

IT'S BEEN
A PLEASURE,
BULLET-BOY!



THAT'S
NOT MY-

WHATEVER.

*HOURS LATER
ACROSS TOWN...*

AH, ALL
IN A DAY'S
WORK!

EVEN
WITH THAT BLUE
DISTRACTION.

HE PUT UP
A FIGHT I'LL
GIVE HIM
THAT.

WITH ENOUGH
FUNPING, I BET
I COULD FIX UP
SOMETHIN' THAT'D
REALLY SEND HIM
RUNNING...

SOMETHIN'
FAST!

BUT THIS'LL
HAVE TO DO
FOR NOW.

IT'LL BE
MORE THAN
ENOUGH TO
GET THE JOB
DONE.

IT WON'T
EVEN BE
CLOSE.

AVOIDJAH
HAS A PERFECT
RECORD...

AND IF
THAT PUNK
THINKS HE
CAN RUIN MY
STREAK...

I'LL JUST
HAVE TO
TEACH HIM
OTHERWISE.

**MCKEEN MANOR
ZERO-G TRAINING FACILITY**

I HAD HIM!
RIGHT THERE! THEN
BAM- SUPPENLY
I'M PEELING MYSELF
OFF THE SIDE OF A
DUSTY VENTILATION
SHAFT...

WHO ROBS
BANKS LIKE
IT'S A GAME,
ANYWAY?

SOMEONE WHO
HAS EVEN MORE
TO PROVE THAN
YOU, IT SEEMS.

IF YOU MUST
PUT ON THAT
COSTUME, THERE
ARE OTHERS
WHO COULD USE
YOUR HELP.



COME ON...
THIS "AVOIPJAH"
STEALS **MILLIONS**
WITH NO SIGNS
OF STOPPING AND
YOU WANT ME
ON CAT PATROL?

WHATEVER
HE'S PLOTTING
NEXT, I HAVE
TO STOP IT!

AS YOUR
GUARDIAN, I MUST
ADVISE LEAVING
THE DANGEROUS
THREATS TO THE
PROFESSIONALS.

BUT I
REALIZE I
CANNOT STOP
YOU...OR PROTECT
YOU FOR THAT
MATTER.

ALL I CAN
DO, IS ASK
YOU TO SLOW
DOWN...TO THINK
ABOUT YOUR
CHOICES.

THE PAY YOU
FOUND THIS TRAINING
FACILITY, BEFORE YOUR
ABILITIES SURFACER..
I MADE IT DOWNTOWN
JUST IN TIME TO SEE
YOU SAVE A MAN.

WHY
DID YOU
DO THAT?

I'VE BEEN
WATCHING
REAL HEROES
DO IT FROM
MY PHONE
FOR YEARS!

WHEN I
FINALLY GOT
MY CHANCE...
EVEN WITHOUT
POWERS...

I KNEW
THAT'S WHAT
THEY WOULD
HAVE DONE.

...IT WAS
THE RIGHT
THING
TO DO.
I JUST
I KNEW...



I MIGHT NOT LIKE IT BUT HE'S RIGHT. BEING A HERO ISN'T JUST ABOUT MAKING FRONT PAGE.

GUESS SOMEBODY'S GOTTA LOOK OUT FOR THE LITTLE GUY.

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT... HUE'S REALLY GOT THAT "SUPERHERO MENTOR PEP TALK" DOWN PAT. DOES HE PRACTICE WHEN I'M NOT AROUND?

WOOSH



EVENIN', OFFICERS! YOU GUYS WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO HAVE SEEN A CAT AROUND HERE, WOULD YA?



HUH? NO. NO CATS. THIS IS A CRIME SCENE! BIG BANK ROBBERY WENT DOWN HERE YESTERDAY.

PRETTY BIG ONE, TOO. NO SUSPECTS. GUY MUST BE A PRO.

NO WAY! A ROBBERY? HERE? THIS BANK?



WAIT... IS THAT--

AVOIDJAH'S ALREADY BACK?

HEY PEWALT, DO WE KNOW THIS FELLA?



I DON'T KNOW...LOOKS KINDA LIKE THAT [TRADEMARKED SUPERHERO NAME] TO ME.

HE'S REALLY SHOWING OFF HITTING THE SAME BANK TWICE.

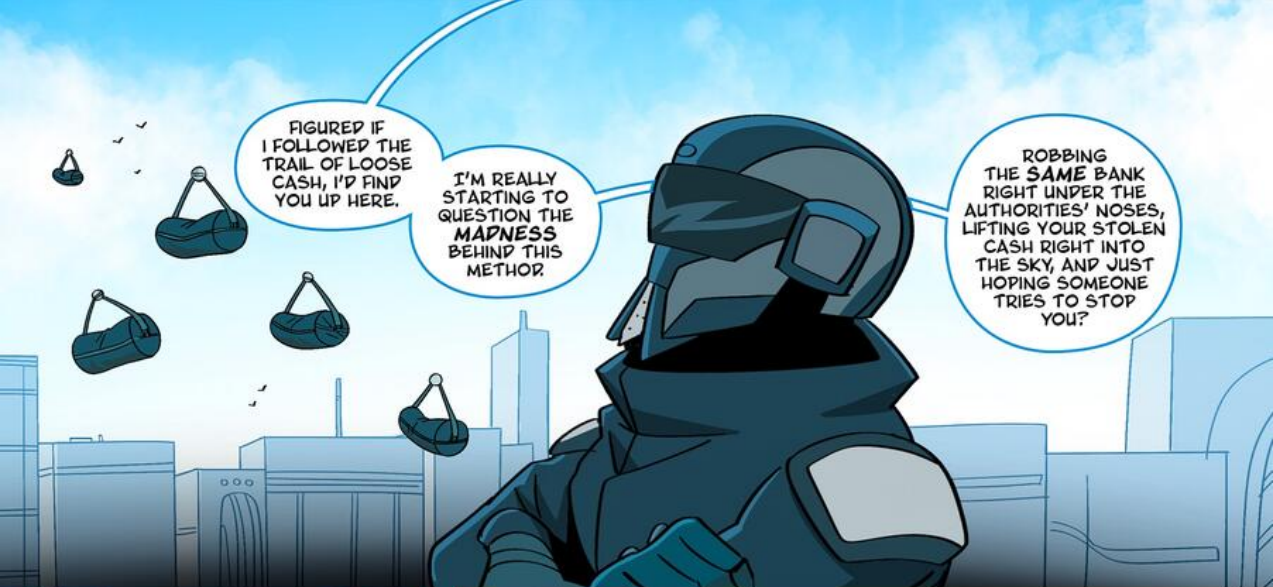
NAH, I'VE SEEN THIS FELLA BEFORE...

I PROMISED MYSELF I'D FIND THAT CAT, BUT... A QUICK PEEK AT THE BANK'S ROOF WOULDN'T HURT, RIGHT?



HEY WAIT!

THAT'S THE GUY WHO SPLIT MY PANG CAR IN HALF!



FIGURED IF
I FOLLOWED THE
TRAIL OF LOOSE
CASH, I'D FIND
YOU UP HERE.

I'M REALLY
STARTING TO
QUESTION THE
MADNESS
BEHIND THIS
METHOR.

ROBBING
THE SAME BANK
RIGHT UNDER THE
AUTHORITIES' NOSES,
LIFTING YOUR STOLEN
CASH RIGHT INTO
THE SKY, AND JUST
HOPING SOMEONE
TRIES TO STOP
YOU?



BETTER
START
THINKING OF
OTHER NAMES
BUDDY...



'CAUSE
I-CAUGHT-JA,
DOOFUS.

NICE TRY,
BULLET-BOY.



THAT'S
NOT MY-

HEY!

SHRRRIP!



FWOOOSH!

PERFECT!
PICKING UP
RIGHT WHERE
WE LEFT OFF!



ONLY THIS
TIME, I'VE
GOT THE
POWER OF
FLIGHT...

...AND
THERE'S
NO DEAD
END.



NOT ENOUGH
GROUND FOR A
RUNNING START,
BUT HERE GOES
NOTHING!



YOU'RE NOT
GETTING AWAY.
NOT THIS
TIME!



CATCHING ME
WON'T STOP MY
FLEET OF CASH
BAGS! YOU KNOW,
I'M STARTIN'
TO THINK YOU'RE
JUST IN IT FOR
THE PRESTIGE.
MAYBE YOU AND
I AREN'T SO
DIFFERENT
AFTER ALL!

YOU'RE JUST
A CRIMINAL WITH
A CHEAP BAG OF
TRICKS. I'VE GOT
POWERS YOU COULD
ONLY DREAM OF
WE COULDN'T BE
MORE DIFFERENT!







YEAH,
GET BACK TO
CAT-SAVING!
IT'S MORE
YOUR SPEED
ANYWAY!





WELL WELL,
LOOKS LIKE
CRIME REALLY
DOES PAY....

JUST NOT
THE WAY HE
WAS HOPING.
CLASSIC.



AWWW!
MR. WHISKERS,
YOU SAVED THE
PAY! I WAS SO
SO SO WORRIED
ABOUT YOU.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
HELP, SIR!

MEOWRRRR

DON'T
MENTION IT.



IT SHOULDN'T
HAVE TAKEN
AS LONG AS
IT DID

SORRY
ABOUT
THAT...



TOM,
OVER
HERE!

HI!
I'M VANNA
CHASE FROM
CHANNEL 10?
I'D LOVE
TO CHAT.

WHO, ME?
REALLY?



HEY
**BULLET-
BOY!**

CATCHING
THE GREATEST
ESCAPE ARTIST
IN THE WORLD

ENJOY
YOUR FIFTEEN
MINUTES OF
FAME...



BECAUSE
KEEPING ME
LOCKED UP IS
IMPOSSIBLE.
I'LL BE BACK
BEFORE YA
KNOW IT.

AND THE
NEXT TIME
WE CROSS
PATHS, YOU
WON'T EVEN
SEE ME
COMING.



NEXT TIME,
I'LL RUN YOU
INTO THE
ASPHALT...

HOURS LATER...

MONEY RECOVERED, CAT SAVED- THEY GOT THE WHOLE THING ON CAMERA, HUE!

TOO BAD I HAD TO SKIP MY INTERVIEW AFTER AVOIDJAH CUT IN AND RUINED IT...

WELL SIR, IT DOES SEEM THAT YOU'VE MANAGED TO HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT TOO.

WOW, FIFTEEN MILLION VIEWS IN A FEW HOURS! HERE, CHECK OUT THIS CLIP



BREAKING NEWS! THE MASKED TEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR STOPPING THE NEXTECH ROBOTS, AND THE ELUSIVE THIEF KNOWN AS AVOIDJAH ARE THE VERY SAME!



THE IDENTITY OF THIS HERO REMAIN UNKNOWN, BUT ACCORDING TO EYEWITNESSES, THE CITY'S NEWEST SPEEDSTER HAS A NAME... **BULLET-BOY!**



POFT!

WELL, MASTER JOSH, IT SEEMS YOU'VE BEEN RECOGNIZED AFTER ALL.



I SUPPOSE THE HERO ASSEMBLY WILL KNOW WHO TO COMMEND FOR SAVING THE DAY WHEN THE TIME COMES.



OH HUE, BEFORE YOU GO?

SIR?



THANKS FOR KEEPING MY HEAD STRAIGHT.



MEANWHILE...



I THINK I
FINALLY GOT
THE SMELL OF
THERMALITE
CORE OFF MY
SUIT.

LET'S GET
BACK TO WORK.
THE ASSEMBLY'S
BEEN GONE LONGER
THAN EXPECTED. I'M
SURE THE MAYOR
WILL UNDERSTAND
NEEDING TO
POSTPONE OUR
CONFERENCE.

WHAT'S
THE LATEST,
INSECT?

A THOROUGH
SCAN INDICATES
AN UPTICK OF
CRIMINAL
ACTIVITY.

THEY KNEW
WE WERE
GONE.

BUT THERE'S
SOMETHING
ELSE HERE...
SOMEONE
STEPPED IN.



THIS WEEK'S
HEADLINES
HIGHLIGHT A
SUPER-HUMAN
NEWCOMER. A
VIGILANTE NAMED
BULLET-BOY?
THEY CAUGHT
AVOIDJAH?
IMPRESSIVE.

HMM...
DO WE HAVE
ANY INFO
ON HIM?

HANG ON,
I'LL SCRUB
THE INTERNET
AND PULL UP
THE DETAILS.



HE MAKES...
SLIME
VIDEOS?

YOU'VE
GOT TO BE
KIPPING ME.



SQUISH
SQUISH

HUH...
INTERESTING.

CARDINAL,
I WANT YOU
TO KEEP AN EYE
ON BULLET-BOY
AND HIS ACTIVITIES.
I WANT TO DRAFT
A LIST OF KNOWN
ABILITIES AND
TRAITS. **DO NOT
ENGAGE.**

I-IT'S
SO CRINGE,
I CAN'T
WATCH!

TO BE CONTINUED...

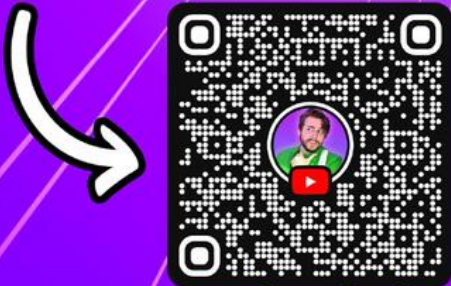
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HEY!
HAVE YOU
READ THESE
ISSUES?



**WATCH
BEHIND THE SCENES
AND ANIMATIONS!**



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